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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-8 and 19-40 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 March 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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Continuation of Attachment(s) 3). Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08), Paper No(s)/Mail Date :03-24-2004, 04-04-2007 & 08-30-2007.

DETAILED ACTION

This is the first action on the merit relating to serial application number 10/807,937 filed 03/24/2004. Claims 1-40 are currently.

Election/Restrictions

1. Claims 1-8 and 18-40 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 11-30-2007.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the inertia member in fig. 3, must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered. Applicant must identify the inertia member in fig. 3.

Specification

3. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it is not proper to include legal phrases/terms such as "said" in the abstract. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b). Therefore, the legal terms "said" should be changed to --the--.

Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently

to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 13-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In claim 13, line 4, the claim recite "a second shaft" but makes no reference to a first shaft. Therefore, it is not clear if there is a first shaft that is not recited. In claim 14, it is not clear as to what "inertia" member is being referred to.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 13 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Monahan et al. (5,827,143). Monahan et al. discloses dual ration drive system comprising a clutch unit (14, see fig. 3) mounted on an accessory shaft (42), a one way clutch unit (24) directly mounted to a second shaft (40), the accessory rotating shaft is also connected to the one way clutch unit such that an accessory unit is driven by the

clutch unit at a first speed ratio and is also driven by the one way clutch unit by a second speed ratio.

In claim 18, note the first speed ratio is greater than the first speed ratio (see abstract).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. Claims 9, 11-12 and 14-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Monahan et al. in view of JP (11-280873). In claims 9 and 12, Monahan et al. discloses the claimed invention set forth in paragraph 6 above, but fails to disclose the one way clutch comprising a damping member, In addition, as set forth in claims 14-17, Monahan et al. fail to disclose the inertia member and damping member. JP (11-280873) discloses a clutch pulley comprising a rubber damper (6) and an inertia member (see 83). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify device of Monahan et al. so as to include an inertia member and damping member inertial member in view of JP (11-280873) in order to reduce vibration and an increase smooth rotation.

10. In claim 10, Monahan et al. discloses that it is well known in the art to use an electromagnet clutch for engaging and disengaging the pulleys (see col. 4, lines 33-43).


Citation

11. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Note the prior art cited in attached PTO Form 892.

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marcus Charles whose telephone number is (571) 272-7101. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30 am to 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ridley Richard can be reached on (571) 272-6917. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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